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regrettably, not submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement prior to payment of the  
Notice of Allowance or Issue Fee. (The Examiner will note that the Issue Fee was paid  
on October 10, 2006, and the Examiner sent a Supplemental Examiner's Amendment  
dated October 16, 2006.) You will note that, in addition to the two inventors listed on the  
document (i.e., P. Coleman and I. Mushawar), L. Finger and R. Damiani are also listed.  
Applicants' attorney has contacted the lead inventor, Dr. Paul Coleman, in order to  
determine the status of these individuals. Dr. Paul Coleman informed Applicants'

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attorney that these individuals contributed the serum sample only. Thus, they are not inventors of the subject application.

In view of the nature of the document, it is believed that the patent may still proceed to issuance, and written indication of the same is respectfully requested from Examiner Li. Should Examiner Li disagree, it is respectfully requested that she telephone the undersigned attorney as soon as possible so that the case may be withdrawn from issuance and refiled as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
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